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SUMMARY: JUNE 10 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED FOR FIRST TIME
ON OPERATIONS OF "GESIT ARMY" FORCE IN GONDAR REGION. PRO-
VISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED
KILLING OF MAJOR DR. TEFERI TEKLE-HAIMANOT, ALLEGEDLY "OVER-
ALL COMMANDER OF ETHIOPIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (EDU) CRIMINAL
BANDITS IN HUMERA AND SURROUNDING AREAS." PMAC SPOKESMAN
CLAIMED "GESIT ARMY" HAS FULL COOPERATION OF PEOPLE IN
HUMERA VICINITY. END SUMMARY.

1. IN FIRST PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF STEPPED-UP MILITARY
ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED OUT IN GONDAR REGION, JUNE 10
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ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED "GESIT ARMY" PRESENTLY EN-
GAGED IN CAMPAIGN TO LIQUIDATE EDU AND OTHER COUNTER-
REVOLUTIONARIES. PMAC SPOKESMAN STATED ALLEGED EDU
OVERALL COMMANDER FOR HUMERA AREA, MAJOR DR. TEFERI
TEKLE-HAIMANOT KILLED AND COMMANDER OF "BANDIT GROUP"
IN HUMERA, LT. BAYU GIDAY, CAPTURED. MAJOR DR.
TEFERI REPORTEDLY AMONG THOSE WHO FLED COUNTRY FOLLOW-

ING "ERUPTION OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION". (EMBASSY BIO FILES LIST TEFERI AS PHD HISTORY 1970 FROM KANSAS STATE, WHO HAD CONTACTED FORMER EMBOFF IN NAIROBI, MARCH 1976. AT TIME, TEFERI CLAIMED HE PLANNED TO RETURN TO ETHIOPIA TO WAGE GUERRILLA WAR AGAINST LEADERSHIP. HE ALSO EXPRESSED DESIRE TO SETTLE IN U.S. AS TEACHER.) TEFERI UNDOUBTEDLY EDU MEMBER, BUT EMBASSY UNABLE CONFIRM IF HE "OVERALL COMMANDER" FOR HUMERA AREA. LT. BAYU NOT LISTED IN EMBASSY FILES.

2. PMAC SPOKESMAN STATED GESIT ARMY IN PROCESS OF CLEANSING REGION WITH DETERMINATION AND CONDUCTING BRIEFINGS TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION PROGRAM AND REVOLUTION'S PROGRESS. SPOKESMAN ALSO CLAIMED FORCE ENJOYED FULL COOPERATION OF PEOPLE IN AREA. HE CONCLUDED, GESIT ARMY ACTIVITIES IN GONDAR REGION WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC FROM TIME TO TIME.

3. COMMENT: WHILE OPERATIONS AGAINST EDU STRONGHOLDS IN GONDAR REGION HAVE BEEN MUCH RUMORED ABOUT RECENTLY, IT NOW CONFIRMED PUBLICLY. ANNOUNCEMENT CAREFULLY WORDED TO GIVE IMPRESSION GESIT ARMY IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY HUMERA. IT BELIEVED THOSE CONDUCTING OPERATION ARE REGULAR TROOPS SENT TO GONDAR OVER PAST SIX WEEKS, AND PEASANT MILITIA STILL BEING TRAINED OUTSIDE ADDIS ABABA NOT YET INVOLVED. THERE IS SPECULATION PEASANT MILITIA WILL BE USED TO MOVE IN AND SECURE AREAS RETAKEN BY REGULAR TROOPS RATHER THAN TO FIGHT

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IN VANGUARD. SUDANESE DIPLOMAT ALSO REPORTS TROOPS HAVE ADVANCED AS FAR NORTH AS TEKAZZE RIVER AT GONDAR-ERITREAN BORDER. TIENKEN

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